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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
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RE Docket No. AB-347 (Sub-No. 3X), *Florida West Coast Railroad Company, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption in Alachua and Gilchrist Counties, FL*

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

On February 28, 2008, the Georgetown and High Line Railway Company, LLC ("GHL") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately a 13.0-mile railroad line, between milepost 734.0 near Trenton, FL, and milepost 721.0, near Newberry, FL, in Alachua and Gilchrist Counties, FL. 11.7-mile (the "Line"), in the above-entitled proceeding. By decision served March 27, 2008, the Surface Transportation Board granted the request.

The current negotiating period expires on September 23, 2008. GHL has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Florida West Coast Railroad Company, Inc. ("FLWC"), and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with FLWC for the Line. FLWC has not consummated the abandonment. Therefore, GHL respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to March 22, 2009 to negotiate trail use with FLWC. Additionally, GHL respectfully requests an extension of the date for FLWC to consummate the abandonment to May 11, 2009. Enclosed is a check for the filing fee of \$450.

An original and 10 copies of this letter are being filed. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it in the enclosed stamped envelope. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Bloch

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Enclosure  
Cc: Florida West Coast Railroad

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